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**October 24, 25 & 26, 2008  
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## Ready-Set-Go! Prep-Bathe-Dry!

Join

**Teri DiMarino**

**Friday, October 24, 2008**

**for a comprehensive  
all-day seminar**

**(9:00am-5:00pm)**

A good bathing and drying job is easily 50% of a great groom and 100% of many. The bathing **read** has been the starting point of every successful stylist and the active salon needs to pay more attention to this important position. With an emphasis on safety and efficiency, Teri guides this fun and informative all-day seminar through an average day in a busy salon. Safe handling practices and a keen focus on time saving tips and techniques will help increase income, save time and improve the finished work.

This seminar is a real eye-opener for the novice groomer/technician as well as a lesson in efficiency for the seasoned salon owner.

**From Check-In to Check-Out:** Integrating a salon's bathing staff into the check-in and prep process gives them responsibilities that will make a busy salon hum like a well oiled machine.

**Tools of the trade and their proper and efficient use:** Teri will demonstrate the efficient use (and alternate uses) of some common (and uncommon) tools. Safety restraints and their alternatives will be an area of focus. Tasks, such as nail trimming, ear cleaning and brushing will be discussed and made easy. Safety and comfort of the pet is always emphasized.

**Dematting! It's everyone's problem!** Everyone has a technique or tool that works well for them but you can save time, aggravation and money with a few easily applied techniques. Equipment and its proper use as well as handling the owner of a matted pet will be covered.

**Shampoos, Conditioners and Sprays. Which are the best?** Teri will take a "groomers eye" look at the bubbles. Why do they work and how can we get the best out of the bottles?

**Bathing: It's more than just getting them wet!** Quick, efficient bathing and proper application of the products you use can make all the difference in the "feel" of the coat at the end of the groom.

**Drying: the finishing touch!** Teri will discuss the proper use of the equipment as well as different (and unique) drying techniques. Dry coats quicker and learn how to get that final "oomph" on the coat to help get a better finish.

Seminar + 2 day Trade Show + Lectures, Pre-Registered: \$125 <sup>(1)</sup> or \$155 <sup>(2)</sup>

Seminar Only, Pre-Registered: \$89 <sup>(1)</sup> or \$99 <sup>(2)</sup>

Seminar Only, at-the-door (space permitting): \$120 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>

Pre-Register by October 15, 2008. <sup>(1)</sup> NDGA Member, <sup>(2)</sup> Non-Member

**For more seminar information, e-mail Teri at: [k9styler@aol.com](mailto:k9styler@aol.com)**



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## Trade Show Vendors

2 day Trade Show - Saturday & Sunday

NDGAA Members attend the Trade Show FREE  
Non-Members pay only \$10 per day  
Pre-register on pg 32 or 33

Groom Team USA  
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Join us for an Educational  
**Mini-Workshop**

Saturday Eve. 7 - 10 PM

- Meet the NDGAA Certifiers-
- Question & Answer Session-
- Prepare for Certification Testing-



**Non-Members - \$70**  
**Members Pay - \$50**

Whether you're testing on Monday or some time in the future, you won't want to miss this opportunity to attend an educational Mini-Workshop that will help prepare you for certification testing.

Meet our certifiers, become familiar with the certification procedure, learn about the NDGAA and its Registered and Certified members and the many benefits they enjoy.

All PRE-REGISTERED participants will receive

\*Certificate of Attendance

\*NDGAA's official Educational Literature booklet

**THE MINI WORKSHOP WILL CONSIST OF TWO PARTS**

•Orientation ... An extensive explanation of the testing procedure and NDGAA membership programs and benefits, followed by a question and answer session.

**FREE PIZZA & SODA BREAK**

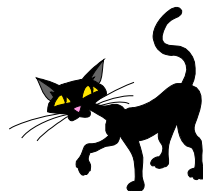
•Breed Demo's ... Demonstrations will be conducted on two of the certifiable breeds. This portion of the program is intended to offer additional knowledge and to assist and answer questions you may have about proper grooming techniques, breed standards, patterns, topknots, stripping & carding, etc.

**Halloween Party**



**HAPPY  
HOWLOWEEN!**

**Saturday Night**



**8:00 pm  
to Midnight  
Hot & Cold  
Hor D'ourves  
Cash Bar, DJ**



**NEW AWARD FOR BEST KIDS COSTUME (12 and under)**  
**Announced at 9:30pm -- Prize will be a HUGE stuffed animal!**

# Schedule of Events



Friday...Oct. 24th...

**9:00/5:00.. "Ready Set Go-Prep Bathe Dry" -with Teri DiMarino, NCMG.**  
Seating is limited,. **See page 4 for details.** Pre-register on page 32 or 33.

**7:30/9:30.. Gibson Governor Insurance Career Start Grooming Competition** - FREE to watch!! Everyone is invited!! Held in the East Hall.

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## Gibson Governor

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**CAREER START GROOMING COMPETITION**

◆ PIZZA & SODA

◆ WATCH THE EXCITING GROOMING CONTEST

◆ EVERYONE WILL BE THERE AND SO SHOULD YOU!

7:00 pm ... Pre-Judging

7:30 - 9:30pm ... Career Start Contest  
Judging & Awards to follow

## Door Prize \$500 Cash Door Prize



Entry form must be validated at each booth to be eligible for the drawing on **Sunday at approximately 5:00 PM.**

**WINNER MUST BE PRESENT!**

## GROOMING TOOLS FOR "ETERNITY" DE-MATting THE SOUL



During this weekend of groomer fun, fellowship and education, we would like to invite you to join us in dedicating some time to God... *Who gives us all good things.*

Join us on **Saturday at 6:45 in the Board Room**

(After the Trade Show closes)

*The Christian Groomers' Family Network*

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Saturday...Oct. 25th...



Contestants! Setup will precede each tournament. Please arrive at least 30 minute prior to tournament start-up. Be Prompt! Judging & Awards will follow each tournament.

## National Premier Competition (Ballroom) - Division A, B & C



8:00-10:15 ... Show Season Terrier Tournament

11:45-2:00 ... Nature's Specialties All Other Purebreds Tournament

3:30 - 5:30 ... Wag'n Tails Sporting Tournament

9:00.... **Registration opens.** If you have pre-registered by mail, pick up your admission badge. At the door registration will begin at this time. Security will be checking badges!

### ALL LECTURES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE EAST HALL

9:30 - 10:30 .... **“Joanne’s Ah Ha’s-Tips I’ve learned from shows & seminars” - Joanne Russell, NCMG.** Tips to help you groom faster, safer, easier and healthier for you, the pet, and the owner. Joanne will share many time savers that helped her go from grooming a dog in four hours to less than a half hour. These nuggets have been gleaned through many years experience and Joanne is excited to share them with you! Don't miss it!

11:00- 12:00 .... **“How to Make Bad Skin and Hair Coats Good” - Dr. Fleck.** This lecture will include review of ingredients in contemporary pet shampoos and sprays that cleanse, exfoliate, enrich and add fragrance to the skin and hair coat. Strategies will be discussed with appropriate protocols for product ingredients that give the groomer the best opportunity to treat bad skin and hair coats. Also protocols for groomer care of healthy pets will be reviewed to maintain that healthy pet skin. Parameters and limits of groomer treatments of the skin, hair coat, eyes, ears, mouth and the peri-anal areas will be discussed in a workshop atmosphere.

12:00 - 1:00 .... **Lunch - Ballroom will remain open during lunch.**

2:00 - 3:30 .... **“Subtle Changes... Outstanding Results” - Sue Zecco, NCMG & Jay Scruggs.** **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!** Have you ever watched a grooming competition and thought to yourself “Why didn’t that dog win”? If so, you must see this seminar. Sue Zecco and Jay Scruggs (two of the top retired competitors, now judges) will select dogs that were groomed in competition and go over the strong points of the grooming and where slight changes would have made a difference. This demo could be the difference between winning third or placing a strong first for the competitor and show the audience how to separate your salon with outstanding grooming. A MUST SEE for everyone who wants to enhance their grooming skills. Competitors are encouraged to sign up for this demonstration.

4:00 - 5:00 .... **“They Said it Couldn’t Be Done”, Judy Hudson, NCMG.** Join Judy to learn how she overcame the obstacles of building her own business! Follow Judy through the journey of how she started her business in a \$2,500 RV, raised her children “on the road,” made Groomteam’s top ten for four years in a row and won a gold medal in France. Now she owns a 2006 Wagntails van, is booked a year in advance, is the most sought-after groomer in Nashville, and, oh, by-the-way, is DEBT FREE!

6:30 pm ... **Ballroom Closes**

7:00 - 10:00 .... **NDGAA Mini-Workshop** ... See page 8.

8:00 - Midnight .... **Halloween Party** ... See page 8.

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Sunday..Oct. 26 th...

Contestants! Setup will precede each tournament. Please arrive at least 30 minute prior to tournament start-up. Be Prompt! Judging & Awards will follow each tournament.

## **National Premier Competition (Ballroom) - Division A, B & C**



8:00-10:30 ... **Andis Poodle Tournament**

1:00 - 3:15 ... **Kenchie Shears Mixed/Misc. Tournament**

Best All Around Groomer from Div's A, B & C will begin at approx. 4:15 PM.

**All first place winners from Div.A, B & C tournaments both days please report to the ring at this time for Div.A Best In Show and Div. B & C Best Groomed Dog judging and awards.**

**9:00.... Registration opens.** If you have pre-registered by mail, pick up your admission badge. At the door registration will begin at this time. Security will be checking badges!

### **ALL LECTURES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE EAST HALL**

**9:15 - 10:15 ....“Spaniel Grooming 101” - Ann Martin, NCMG.** Join in the fun of learning the nuances of spaniel grooming! We will cover all the correct tools and how they are utilized. The subjects of coat rolling and carding correct use of the thinning shear and getting those bevels set just right will be covered. We will discuss the breeds and their similarities in the spaniel group. An American cocker will be used to demonstrate the grooming techniques needed for presenting that spectacular spaniel! Ann has a special talent for grooming American cockers as her mother raised and showed them during her childhood. The first dogs that she learned to groom were cockers. So come on and let's have some fun and lots of learning too!

**11:00 - 12:00 ....“Health Insurance Options for Pet Care Professionals” - Todd Shelly.** There are a maze of health care options. What do you choose? Have you chosen to do nothing because of cost or lack of knowledge? That is a dangerous road that too many pet pros have chosen to their detriment. There are low cost options for the individual and small business owner. A few years ago, Todd began studying health insurance options when he was self employed and uninsured. Seeing the need for clear and concise information in the pet care industry, he has spent hundreds of hours researching various health insurance options. He presents unique, unbiased information from a consumers perspective. Todd discusses the various options available, the pros and cons of various plans and helps to cut to the chase in helping you decide what type of health insurance is best for the individual and small business owner. (sponsored by Groomer to Groomer magazine as a service to the Grooming Industry)

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**6:00 pm ... Ballroom Closes - See you next year - Oct. 30,31 & Nov. 1, 2009!!**

## ★ Meet Our Contest Judges ★

**Ann Martin, NCMG** - Ann has been in the grooming and purebred dog business most of her life. She is the mother of 4 boys. Between boys and oodles of poodles life is never boring. Ann has had a short and successful contesting career. In a mere 5 year span of time she has gathered many Best In Show and Best All Around awards. Ann is able to give back to the industry through education. A National Certified Master Groomer, NDGAA Certifier and Oster Ambassador when needed. She is currently exhibiting Standard Poodles under the prefix of Feldspar. **Ann will co-judge Division A tournaments and Best In Show Div. A and Best Groomed Dog Div.'s B & C.**



**Annette Quick** -Annette co-owned and operated a grooming shop in Nebraska for 14 years. She has recently relocated to Florida to broaden her horizons, and to work at “The Dog from Ipanema” in Coral Gables. Annette has won multiple “Best in Show” and “Best all around Groomer” awards at shows nationally as well as internationally. Annette has been nominated for several Cardinal Crystal Grooming Achievement Awards, and won the award for American Groomer of the Year “1999”. She is a platform groomer and representative for the Wahl Clipper Corporation and can be seen in their booth at shows across the country. **Annette will co-judge Division A tournaments and Best In Show Div. A and Best Groomed Dog Div.'s B & C.**



**Michael Lamb** - Michael is a grooming industry veteran with over 30 years experience. He is one of the top Miniature Poodle breeders in the United States, with over 100 champions to his credit, including the top non sporting dog in the US for 2005. As a successful Professional handler, Michael has won Best in Show awards and many group placements from the non sporting group, toy group and working group. Currently an instructor for the Merryfield Academy, Michael resides in South Florida. **Michael will judge Division B tournaments and Best In Show Div. A and Best Groomed Dog Div.'s B & C.**



**Judy Hudson, NCMG** - Judy is the owner operator of Groomingtails Mobile Pet Grooming in Nashville TN. Judy has multiple BIS and Best All around Groomer Awards to her credit. She stayed in Groom Team's top 10 groomers for 4 years. In 2004 she was nominated for the prestigious Cardinal Crystal American groomer of the year award. Judy has retired from the contest ring but enjoys speaking and judging! Her other great love is coaching her daughter's basketball team and watching her son play for the high school. She is proud to be an ambassador for the Oster Company **Judy will judge Division C tournaments and Best In Show Div. A and Best Groomed Dog Div.'s. B & C.**





### Prior To Competition Start:

At the beginning of each class the judge/judges will examine the dogs:

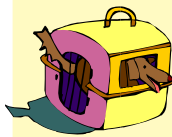
- ✓Competitors will be asked if there is anything they would like to bring to the judges attention.
- ✓Insufficient coat or other physical defects (skin disease) will be disqualified.
- ✓Breed and size will be checked for proper class entry and time allocation.
- ✓If the entry is in the incorrect class, the contestant may enter the correct class, provided it has not taken place. If correct class has taken place the contestant will forfeit entry fee.
- ✓Contestants registered to compete **MUST** compete; or they will be charged admission for both days of the show.
- ✓Competitors entering 3 or more classes may have an assistant at the show at no charge.

## Sportsmanship

THIS RULE PERTAINS TO ON SITE ACTIVITIES.  
NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE SHOW

The NDGAA has created and maintains a show and contest environment that promotes camaraderie, fun and most of all, a valuable learning experience for competitors and attendees alike. Good sportsmanship is absolutely essential to maintain this environment. Therefore, any competitor that displays unsportsmanlike conduct (as determined by the show committee) inside the ring or witnessed in any public place over the course of the show weekend, shall be subject to the following:

- 1). The contestant will be immediately disqualified from any further competitions for the remainder of the weekend, including the finals and will forfeit all entry fees.
- 2). Any awards and prize money will be immediately returned to the Show Manager and any placements/points will be forfeited.



#### **Notice to all competitors, certification registrants, exhibitors, etc.**

Many hotels are banning dogs from their premises because of the inconsiderate actions of those bringing dogs for competition, certification testing and use during the show. We must insist the following rules and regulations be adhered to, by signing your contest entry form or your certification test registration form you are agreeing to abide by the rules listed herein as well as the hotel rules listed below; and also agree to hold harmless the owner or lessor of the premises and you assume all responsibility of any acts of your dog(s).

- ✓Pets must be crated at all times!
- ✓The only exceptions for not being crated are: being exercised in designated area, undergoing preparation for competition or certification testing or in the contest ring.
- ✓Contestants who are not staying at the hotel must provide a crate for their entry when it is not in the ring. A holding area will be provided for that purpose.
- ✓Dogs will not be allowed to be walked around the exhibit hall.

Attendee's should bring plastic sheeting to be placed under and to the rear of dog crates & newspaper and small plastic baggies for disposal of dog waste and food waste. If your dog has an accident in a public area **PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!**

## Eligibility and Tournament Information

**Eligibility:** There will be 3 Divisions, A-Open, B-Intermediate & C-Entry. All will compete together and be judged simultaneously. Separate prizes will be awarded in each division.

**Division A - Open** is open to all contestants. **Division B - Intermediate** is restricted to groomers who have not competed or who have competed but not had **any** placements in Division A. You may stay in this division until you have won 3 first places or Best All Around Groomer two (2) times or Best Groomed Dog two (2) times in Division B. **Division C - Entry** is restricted to new competitors and those who have competed but not had **any** placements in B or A Division. You may stay in this Division until you have won 3 first places or Best All Around Groomer two (2) times or Best Groomed Dog two (2) times in Division C.

**Note:** Advancement to a higher division based on 3 first place wins applies only if there were at least four (4) competitors in the class when the 1st place wins were awarded. A Group Win or Placement in a Two or Three Tier competition automatically advances the contestant to the next highest Division from where she/he was eligible prior to the group win or placement. Groomer/handlers, owner/handler/breeders, contest judges, instructors and certifiers must **enter either A - Open or B - Intermediate Division. ELIGIBILITY WILL BE BASED ON LIFETIME RING COMPETITION.**

**Entry Fees:** \$35.00 per dog includes admission to 2-day trade show. Entry fees must be paid in full by Oct. 14, 2008. Entry fees will not be refunded for any reason after Oct. 14, 2008.

**Classes:** There are 5 regular class tournaments in all 3 Divisions- A -Open, B-Intermediate & C- Entry. They are:

**Andis Poodle Tournament** - For contest purposes, 11 inches and under at the withers will be allotted **1-1/2 hours**. Over 11 inches to 17 inches at the withers will be allotted **2 hours**. Over 17 inches at the withers will be allotted **2-1/2 hours**. Face and feet must be clipped in the ring. Tail clipping is optional (European Style). Various moustaches are allowed. Any show trim is permitted. Banded Topknots are to be set, banded and sprayed during competition time. If a contestant brings the dog in the ring with the topknot banded it will be taken out, brushed out, lines reset, banded and sprayed during competition time.

**Wag'n Tails Sporting Tournament** - Includes American and English Cocker Spaniels, English Springer Spaniels, English Setters, Gordon Setters, Irish Setters and other sporting breeds. Time **2 hours**.

**Show Season Terrier Tournament** - Includes all Terrier Breeds that will be trimmed with clippers or scissors, (**Hand Stripping is optional**). **Small Terriers**, under 17 inches, such as Westies, Scotties, Miniature Schnauzers, Wire Fox Terriers, will be allotted a **1-3/4 hours**. **Larger Terriers**, over 17 inches, such as Kerry Blues and Airdales, will be allotted **2 1/4 hours**.

**Nature's Specialties All Other Purebreds Tournament** - All other purebred dogs that do not qualify for the Poodle, Sporting or Terrier classes, **groomed to breed standard of appearance**. (Bichon, Giant Schnauzers, Bouviers, etc.) 17 inches and under at the withers will be allotted **1-3/4 hours**. Over 17 inches will be allotted **2-1/4 hours**.

**Kenchi Shears Mixed/Misc. Tournament** - Dogs of mixed-breed parentage and any purebred that will be groomed in a style **other than its breed profile**. Examples: Poodle in a Bedlington, Cocker in a Suburban, Bichon in a Panda/Teddy Bear. Poodles **CANNOT** have face or feet clipped in traditional poodle style. 17 inches and under at the withers will be allotted **1-3/4 hours**. Over 17 inches will be allotted **2-1/4 hours**.

**Hand Stripping Note:** With the exception of the Sporting Class when a contestant will hand strip and clip only in accordance with the specific breed clubs acceptable "Clipped Areas", i.e. clipping the cheeks on a Schnauzer or Scottish Terrier, the time allotment will be **2 hours for dogs 17 inches and under at the withers. Over 17 inches will be allotted 2-1/4 hours.**

**Coat Length:** All dogs entered in competition must have a minimum of **six weeks growth of hair**. Since coat grows differently on all dogs, acceptable coat length will be defined as follows: **The coat must be sufficient to allow the contestant to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance.** Rolled coats on hand-stripped dogs, as above, there must be a distinct change in the dog's appearance.

**Best In Show** will be chosen from all 1st place winners in Division A.

**Best All Around Groomer** eligibility requires entering & competing in at least 3 regular classes.

**Best All Around Groomer** award in each Division will be chosen by a point system; **3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd** in each class provided there are at least four (4) contestants in the class. If the class has less than four (4), the points awarded will be calculated as follows: Number of entries minus the placement number equals point/points awarded. Points will be totaled and **highest points** will be named Best All Around Groomer of the Division. In the event of a tie, the groomer with the most 1st placements will win. If there is still a tie, the groomer with the most placements will win. If there is still a tie, a point will be assigned for every groomer they have beaten in each class. Highest points will be named Best All Around Groomer of the Division.

## General Contest Rules

**Attention:** Each tournament is limited to 30 combined entries in A-Open, B-Intermediate & C-Entry. Send entries EARLY for guaranteed space.

An employee of a Judge may NOT compete under that Judge.

An employee/rep of a tournament sponsor is not eligible to compete in that particular competition.

Competition dogs must be physically fit for competition. NO AGGRESSIVE Dogs Allowed.

No pre-scissoring or shaping before any class. Evidence of this will merit disqualification.

All dogs entered in competition must have a minimum of six weeks growth of hair. Since coat grows differently on all dogs, acceptable coat length will be defined as follows: The coat must be sufficient to allow the contestant to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance. Rolled coats on hand-stripped dogs, as above, there must be a distinct change in the dog's appearance.

Dogs should be free of mats, freshly shampooed and dried, with ears cleaned, toenails clipped prior to the competition.

Dogs can be chalked; hair spray may be used provided it is not overdone. Please use a towel on your table if chalking.

The genital and stomach areas can be pre-trimmed (for sanitary reasons) according to breed standards, as well as the pads under the feet including poodles. **No part of toes are to be clipped.** All other trimming shall be done in the ring only.

All dogs must be on leads or in cages. Only dogs participating in the contest and/or other programs are permitted in the hotel and must be crated when left alone in sleeping rooms.

Contestants late for any class **will not** be permitted to compete if the contest has started and will forfeit entry fee.

Contestants must provide their own dog(s), equipment and table.

A contestant may not display any business establishment in the ring.

No coaching from ringside is allowed. Violators will be disqualified.

No rough handling of animals. Violators will be disqualified.

No visual aids (pictures) are allowed in ring.

Attire: Competitors are expected to dress professionally. Excessive short shorts, cutoffs, miniskirts, tank tops and tee shirts are inappropriate. Shoes must be worn. Flip-flops are not allowed.

After judging of all classes, finalist may freshen up their dogs before they return for final judging, but no additional clipping, scissoring or coat shaping is permitted.

All grooming equipment must be removed from the ring after the class competition unless you are in the next competition.

Classification of breeds determined by AKC breed standards. Purebred dogs not being groomed to AKC standards of appearance will go into the Mixed/Misc. class.

In the event a competitor challenges the eligibility of another competitor verbal protest must be made prior to the start of the class.

Competitors fraudulently entering a class for which they are not eligible will be required to forfeit all titles and return any prize money, prizes, trophies, plaques, ribbons etc. to the Show Management. Groom Team points will be forfeited.

If an issue comes up not covered in the written rules, the show committee will make the final decision.

**All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners MUST have win picture taken with Sponsor and Judge. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and all competitors desiring photos are encouraged to do so.**

**Contestants registered to compete MUST compete; otherwise, they will be charged admission for all 2 days of the show.**

**Each first place regular class winner will be eligible to compete for Best Groomed Dog in B & C Divisions, and Best In Show in Div. A , providing; that the winner returns to the ring at the time the Best Groomed Dog competition is held.**

## Degree of difficulty plays an important role in a judge/judges decisions.

**When the allotted class times are up, the judges will examine the dogs by hand and comb through the coat, taking the following into consideration when making their decisions:**

### Poodles:

1. The suitability of the trim to the dog's conformation.
2. The quality of the clipper work:
  - A. Whether pattern is placed correctly, evenly, & clipped with the appropriate blade, whether clipped lines are definite, straight, neatly beveled where they meet body coat.
  - B. If there is no pattern and the body is clipped overall, whether the groomer has used a blade Complimentary to the coat.
  - C. Whether the feet, face and tail are clipped with the appropriate blade, whether the clipped lines on face are straight and clipper work is smooth with no tufts of hair around the lips and eye corners. Whether feet are clipped clean between toes and pads.
3. The Quality, uniformity and smoothness of the scissoring
  - A. Whether the finish is like that of plush velvet, free of scissor marks.
  - B. Whether legs are scissored evenly & are of sufficient fullness to balance the dog.
  - C. Whether the topknot and tail are properly shaped and in balance to each other.
4. The degree of difficulty of the clip. This does not mean that fancy patterns should take precedence. Overall scissor trims can be as difficult with certain coat textures.
5. The dog's overall finished appearance with emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish. The trim should hold together when the comb is passed through the coat.

### Terriers, Sporting and All Other Purebreds:

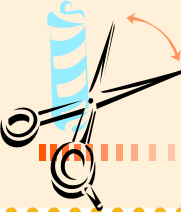
1. The suitability of the trim and how it conforms to the accepted breed standard and profile.
2. The quality of the clipper work: whether the clipped areas have been clipped with the appropriate blade, whether they are neat and smooth, all clipped lines are straight.
3. The quality, uniformity and smoothness of the scissoring and/or thinning.
  - A. On scissored breeds, whether the finish is plush and free of scissor marks, and whether legs are scissored evenly and of sufficient fullness to balance the dog, whether the head is properly trimmed and balanced.
  - B. On breeds with eyebrows or falls and beards, whether the trimming is correct and points up the distinctive features which characterize the breed.
  - C. On breeds with furnishing or feathering, whether they blend smoothly.
4. The dog's finished appearance with emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish.

### Hand-Stripped Breeds:

1. The suitability of the trim to the accepted breed standard and profile.
2. Whether the body coat has been neatly stripped with appropriate tool or finger and thumb; whether there are visible pink or bald patches afterwards (this is undesirable). The hair must always be removed with the lay of the coat and without pain.
3. If clippers are used to trim the soft coat on the head and ears, the front of the neck or on the insides of the back legs, whether these areas are trimmed neatly and smoothly with the appropriate blade and clipper work is smooth.
4. If scissors or thinning shears are used to trim the furnishings, the quality of work.
5. The dog's overall finished appearance with emphasis on balance, symmetry, smoothness of finish and preservation of the distinctive features that characterize the breed. Whether the dog has a smart, definite outline with furnishings blending in to look natural rather than jutting out.

### Mixed-Breeds/Miscellaneous:

1. The originality and execution of the clip and its suitability to the dog's conformation.
2. If clippers are used; the quality of the work, whether the clipped areas look neat and smooth.
3. If scissors or thinning shears are used: the quality, uniformity and smoothness of the work.
4. Dog's overall appearance, emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish.



**The Liz Paul "Best Scissored Dog" Award**

This new award will be chosen from all Division A Poodle entries.  
The Judges will be looking for the highest quality scissor work.  
Winner will be announced immediately after the  
Andis Poodle Tournament judging and awards

**Winner will receive a beautiful plaque.**

# NDGAA Member Pre-registration Form

**Save \$\$ by preregistering by Oct. 14th** **Membership #**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-groomer spouse traveling with you to the show -- SAT. \$10  SUN. \$10

Salon Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Full Package Members - 2 Day Trade Show, Competitions + Lectures + Fridays Special Prep Seminar w/Teri DiMarino..... \$125.00

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- Members Special 2 Day Trade Show, Competitions + Lectures ..... \$45

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- Saturday \$25\*    - Sunday \$25\*   \*Trade Show \*Competition viewing **PLUS** \*Lectures in EAST HALL

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- Fridays Special Prep Seminar w/Teri DiMarino.....\$89.00

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-   - Saturday Free    - Sunday Free   **Trade Show & Contest viewing- Reg. before 10/14**

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- NDGAA Mini-Workshop Sat., Oct. 25th - 7pm - 10pm ..... \$50

Charge my  Mastercard    Visa    AmEx - Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_    Check enclosed

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Register ONLINE until Oct. 14th**  
[www.nationaldoggroomers.com](http://www.nationaldoggroomers.com)

**NO REFUNDS AFTER Oct. 14th**

**Payment must be in our office BY OCT. 14th:**  
 NDGAA, Inc. P.O. Box 101, Clark PA 16113  
 Phone: (724) 962-2711 Fax: (724) 962-1919

<p><b>Registration Deadline</b> 10/14/08</p> <p>After 10/14 you must pay at the door</p>		<p><b>At the Door Fees</b></p> <p><small>Seminar Fees After Oct. 14th payable <b>AT THE DOOR</b> are:</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓Trade Show + Contest Viewing ... \$20 per day</li> <li>✓Trade Show + Contest Viewing + Lectures .. \$40 per day</li> <li>✓Prep Seminar with Teri DiMarino, NCMG - \$120</li> <li>✓NDGAA Mini-Workshop - \$85</li> </ul>
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Agreement: Neither NDGAA, nor the Ramada, their sponsors, agents, employees, or representatives shall be liable for any loss, damage, harm or injury to the property or person of the applicant or its representative resulting from fire, accident, theft or other cause. Attend at your own risk.

**Office use only** -- Cl# \_\_\_\_\_ -- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Non-Member Pre-registration Form

## Save \$\$ by preregistering by Oct. 14th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-groomer spouse traveling with you to the show -- SAT. \$10  SUN. \$10

Salon Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Full Package - 2 Day Trade Show, Competitions + Lectures + Fridays  
**Special Prep Seminar w/Teri DiMarino .....\$155.00**

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- Special 2 Day Trade Show, Competitions + Lectures ..... **\$65**

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- Saturday \$35\*    - Sunday \$35\*   \*Trade Show \*Competition viewing  
 \*Lectures in EAST HALL

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-Fridays Special Prep Seminar w/Teri DiMarino .....**\$99.00**

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  - Saturday \$10    - Sunday \$10   **Trade Show & Contest viewing- Reg. before 10/14**

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- NDGAA Mini-Workshop Sat., Oct. 25th - 7pm - 10pm ..... **\$70**

Charge my Mastercard   Visa   AmEx - Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_    Check enclosed

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_


Total Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Contest Entry Form

**CONTEST QUESTIONS!**  
 Call John Stazko @ 727-393-8381  
 john@stazko.com

Groomers Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salon Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**All contest entries must be received by 10/14/08**

**\$35\* Entry Fee Per Dog**     Division A\*\*     Division B     Division C  
\*Entry fee includes 2 day admission to the trade show      \*\* Div. A is GroomTeam Sanctioned

- Poodle --- List Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 - Sporting ---- List Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
 - Terrier -- List Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
 -Mixed/Misc. - List Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
 - All Other Purebreds - List Breed \_\_\_\_\_

- Lectures Saturday- \$15     - Lectures Sunday - \$15

\*Previous Wins (B & C /Div's. Only) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Gibson Governor Career Start Gr Competition - \$35 (includes 2 day trade show)  
 -Those entering 3 or more classes can register 1 assistant at no charge.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \_\_\_\_\_  
 -Owners of borrowed dogs can watch you compete @ \$5 pp.    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep rooms CLEAN! See Pages 17 & 38 for Important Hotel & Show Information.**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER Oct. 14th**  
 NDGAA , P.O. Box 101, Clark PA 16113 Phone: (724) 962-2711 Fax: (724) 962-1919

Check enclosed    Charge my Mastercard    Visa    AmEx - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_



I agree to absolve the sponsor/employees of NDGAA/Ramada Hotel for any legal claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing thereto. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I agree not to hold the aforementioned parties legally responsible for any claim of loss or damage to my dog(s), equipment or myself by disappearance, theft, death or injury to be caused by negligence of NDGAA or any of the parties aforementioned, or due to negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the competition. I understand that the judges will enforce these rules and that their decision is final and binding. I also understand that I will be held financially responsible for any damage done to hotel property. Make check payable and mail to: NDGAA, P.O. Box 101, Clark PA 16113 (724) 962-2711.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If space is available you may enter the contest at the door -- fee is \$60 per dog.**

NDGAA Fun In The Sun  
Groomers Seminar & Contests  
Oct. 24th, 25th & 26th, 2008  
Hotel Reservation Deadline  
Oct. 2nd, 2008

**Ramada Orlando Celebration**  
**6375 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy**  
**Kissimmee, FL 34747**  
**877/467-5786 - 407/390-5800**

If reserving by phone  
mention NDGAA for  
discounted rates.  
**\$99 Sin./Doub**  
(Rates subject to local tax)

**Please reserve the following accommodations:**

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Depart Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Room held on a guaranteed (major credit card) or advance deposit basis only**

\*VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS, CARTE BLANCHE, DISCOVER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 per day non-refundable pet deposit for dogs in sleeping rooms**

**HOTEL NOTICE:** If you or your dog damage, destroy or steal hotel property, you are responsible to make restitution to the satisfaction of the hotel. Behavior which could result in such action may be, but not limited to, stealing or damaging towels or linens, improper clean-up after the dog, plugging up drains with dog hair, grooming supplies strewn around the room, actual grooming in the room without cleaning up the hair, causing destruction to room furniture and failure to pay room charges.

**Only dogs who are entered in the contest or certification testing or are registered with show management for demo purposes will be allowed on hotel property! This includes everyone! Thank you for your professionalism!**

**Mears Transportation**  
**shuttle service to & from**  
**the Airport**  
**\$19 pp -- \$32 round trip**  
**800/759-5219**  
**407/839-1570**

**Vicki Can Save You Money**  
**vickimisky@earthlink.net**  
**(724) 456-1026**



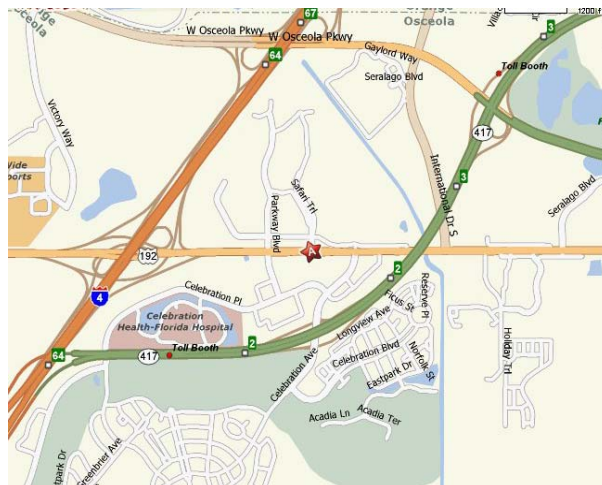
Vicki has discounts available on flights to Orlando from all over the United States which will save you money! Call Vicki, identify yourself as attending the NDGAA seminar in Orlando and she will help you pick the best flights at greatly reduced prices.

**Directions**

**East** - I-4 West to Exit 64, Take Left Lane, Make Left on Parkway Blvd.

**West** - I-4 East to Exit 64, Take Left Lane, Make Left on Parkway Blvd.

**Airport** - South on Boggy Creek Road, Then South on SR 417 to Exit 2 North Towards US 192, W to Parkway Blvd.





# Don't miss out on Show Specials & Member Discounts

Join by Oct. 14th and preregister at the 2 day member special of \$45, PLUS - we'll take \$10 off the new member fee, you'll pay \$75 (normally \$85). Just send in this application along with your preregistration form by Oct. 14th. Not coming to the show? You can still take advantage of this great offer by joining at the discounted fee of \$75 if you join by Dec. 31st, 2008!

**APPLICATION FOR  
REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP**  

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**NATIONAL DOG GROOMERS  
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.**

Office Use Only	
# _____	DD _____
MOP _____	
DRec. _____	

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL** - Mail will be sent to business address unless otherwise requested.

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Ph \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ L Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** - Owner[  ] Co-Owner[  ] Employee[  ] Mobile[  ] How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND** -- List a brief history of years grooming, graduated from, apprenticed under, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\$75 until 12/31/08**

**\$75** This application must be accompanied with a ~~\$85.00~~ **Registered Membership fee.**

Please send \$85.00 check/money order ( Canadian checks/money orders please send \$81.00 in US funds) to:  
National Dog Groomers Association of America, Inc., P.O. Box 101, Clark PA 16113  
Phone (724) 962-2711, Fax # (724) 962-1919. Email - ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com  
Membership dues are \$40 per year -- **Please allow 4 weeks processing time.**

I am paying by Check [  ] Mastercard [  ] Visa [  ] American Express [  ]

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for choosing the NDGAA. The applicant must ascribe to our "Code of Ethics". Please allow 4 weeks for processing your Registered Membership. Membership is non-transferrable and subject to revocation. The information given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# NDGAA Certification Test Session

**Monday Oct. 27, 2008**



NDGAA Workshops & Certification Testing were developed so groomers may have the opportunity to participate in an innovative and educational workshop and provide an honest program so that they may have their grooming skills evaluated and certified.

Please note: **A 100 question written exam is administered with each phase.** The Master Exam consists of 400 questions. Groomers registered for certification testing must supply their own dog(s) and equipment.

More information on the above breeds can be found in NDGAA's Breed Profile Guidelines. It is recommended that you purchase the guidelines as they will aid in your preparation for the workshop as well as the testing session.

Guidelines are available in the Non-Sporting, Sporting and Terrier groups (14 breeds in all), also included is the large AKC Breed Chart. Order your guidelines using the form on page 42 and enclose \$30.00 for the set and receive the written exams study guide sheet with sample questions, all NCMG written exam study materials and the Workshop & Certification Program Guidelines.

You should attend at least one workshop before participating in the Certification Testing session. **All attendee's must be PREREGISTERED by the deadline date listed in order to avoid cancellation of this site.** \*If space permits testing registration will be taken at the door at an increased fee of \$150.00 per phase. Confirmation letter and map will be mailed approximately 7 days prior to this event.

**Certification Test Session  
Monday Oct. 27, 2008  
7:45-Sign In & Groomer Set-Up  
8:30-Testing begins  
Save Time Pre-Register ONLINE  
www.nationaldoggroomers.com**

**Registration Deadline  
Oct. 10, 2008**

## Acceptable breeds for Certification testing:

### \*Non-Sporting

Mini or Toy Poodle or Bichon,

### \*Sporting

American or English Cocker Spaniel or English Springer.

### \*Terrier - Long Legged breeds

**include:** Miniature Schnauzer or Wire Fox, Bedlington, Soft Coated Wheaten or Kerry Blue Terriers.

### \*Terrier - Short Legged breeds

**include:** West Highland, Scottish, Sealyham or Hand-stripped Cairn.

**(must groom 2 terriers)**

### QUESTIONS???

NDGAA, P.O. Box 101, Clark PA  
16113 Ph (724) 962-2711 Fax  
(724) 962-1919

OR

Peggy Harris, NCMG  
NDGAA Certification Coordinator  
706/322-1023  
luvwyres@bellsouth.net

Visit our web site for more certification test sites  
www.nationaldoggroomers.com  
email us at  
ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com

**Important:** If you are not yet NDGAA Certified in any breed group and if you are taking only 1 part or phase of any group (i.e. sporting written exam but no practical) **it is required that you apply for Registered Membership until the time that you complete and pass at least one group**, and thereby attain Certified Status. Applicant's being tested must have a 75% in written and practical in order to pass individual breed certification, **(overall average must be 85%+ for NCMG status)**, grades below 75% are unacceptable for a reasonable degree of proficiency in individual breed phases. Overall averages below 85% are unacceptable for National Certified Master Groomer® status.

## Certification Test Registration Form

### Registration Deadline for Testing is Oct. 10

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Shop Name \_\_\_\_\_

Shop Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Ph# \_\_\_\_\_ NDGAA Memb# \_\_\_\_\_

Tests already completed with us \_\_\_\_\_

Are you preregistered for the show \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registering for the mini-workshop (fill out form on page 32 or 33) \_\_\_\_\_

#### TEST SESSION • MONDAY, Oct. 27 - 8:30 A.M. \$125 PER PHASE

Non-Sporting-\$125    Sporting-\$125    Terrier(2 dogs)-\$125    Master Exam-\$125

**\$125 fee includes both written and practical skills exam in each breed group**  
**If taking the practical skills exam you MUST also take the written exam**

**NDGA Members!** If taking writtens only at this test site fee is \$60 per test -

NS written    SP written    TR written - NDGA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is \$30.00 for the 14 Breed Profile guidelines, AKC Breed ID chart, written exam study guide, program guidelines & Master Exam study materials.....\$\_\_\_\_\_.

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR TESTING.....\$\_\_\_\_\_**

**If space permits you may register at the door @ \$150 per test**

#### Pre-register online at [www.nationaldoggroomers.com](http://www.nationaldoggroomers.com)

Charge my Mastercard   Visa   AmEx    Check/Money Order enclosed

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



If you fail to report at the assigned time and area to take your written and/or practical examinations your testing fees for that phase will be forfeited. There will be no refunds or credits awarded for "No Shows". All fees owed must accompany this application. Fees will only be refunded in the event this Certification test is canceled by NDGAA. I agree to absolve the officers & certifiers of NDGAA of all legal claims for loss or injury to myself, my dog(s) & equipment while attending this testing session. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations & to accept the Certifiers decision as final and binding.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_